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Luc Bouwens et al.**

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**For: METHOD OF GENERATING ISLET BETA-CELLS FROM EXOCRINE
PANCREATIC CELLS**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office Action May 28, 2008 requiring election by Applicant of a single invention to which the claims of this application will be restricted among the claim groups:

Group I – Claims 45-56 and 61

Group II – Claims 57-60.

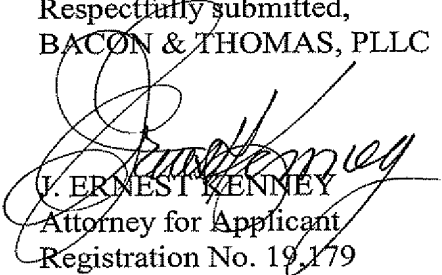
ELECTION

Applicant elects the invention represented by the claims of Group I for continued examination in this application.

Applicant reserves all rights with regard to the non-elected subject matter disclosed and claimed in this application.

This election is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,
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